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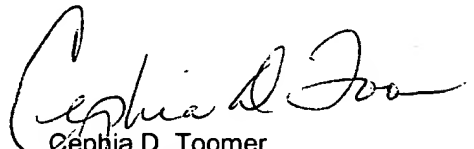
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The proposed reply filed on October 25, 2005 and the Information Disclosure Statement of August 3, 2005 have not been entered because they are unsigned.

Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Signature Examples

I. S-SIGNATURE EXAMPLES, 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2) effective September 21, 2004

A. BY INVENTORS, AFFIANTS (e.g., §§ 1.131 & 1.132), ASSIGNEES AND PRACTITIONERS SIGNING AS INVENTORS

| | <u>SIGNATURE TYPE</u> | <u>SIGNATURE</u> | <u>TREATMENT</u> | <u>PREFERRED</u> |
|-----|--|---|--|------------------|
| 1. | S-Signature within forward slashes, name below | <u>/John T. Smith/</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | ✓ |
| 2. | S-Signature with spaces within forward slashes, name below | <u>/ John T. Smith /</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 3. | S-Signature within forward slashes, name below but no line under the S-Signature | <u>/John T. Smith/</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2), as a line is not required, although it is recommended. | |
| 4. | Script font S-Signature within slashes, name below | <u>/John T. Smith/</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 5. | Name above, S-Signature within slashes, below | <u>John T. Smith</u> /John T. Smith/ | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 6. | S-Signature within slashes, name on right side | /John T. Smith/ John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 7. | S-Signature within slashes, name below, both signature and name have typos | <u>/Johon T. Smith/</u> John T. Smmith | Proper signature Signer identifiable, typo should be noted in record. | |
| 8. | S-Signature without slashes, name below | <u>John T. Smith</u> John T. Smith | Improper signature Treat as unsigned due to lack of slashes, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). | |
| 9. | Script font S-Signature without slashes, name below | <u>John T. Smith</u> John T. Smith | Improper signature Treat as unsigned due to lack of slashes, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). | |
| 10. | S-Signature within double slashes, name below | <u>//John T. Smith//</u> John T. Smith | Improper signature Treat as unsigned due to extra slashes, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). | |
| 11. | S-Signature within slashes | /John T. Smith/ | Improper signature Treat as unsigned as no name provided, § 1.4(d)(2)(iii). | |
| 12. | Graphic symbol S-Signature within slashes, name below | <u>/☺/</u> John T. Smith | Improper signature Treat as unsigned due to use of graphic symbol, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). | |
| 13. | Improper punctuation symbols in S-Signature within slashes, name below | <u>/Good?Great!!!/</u> John T. Smith | Improper signature Treat as unsigned due to use of ? and ! symbols, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). | |

NOTE: Signatures by assignees are also required to be by: 1) an appropriate party of the assignee to sign;
2) supported by evidence that the proper assignee is submitting the document. The assignee of the
entire interest, or all partial assignees, must sign any correspondence (§§ 3.71(b) & (c)).

I. S-SIGNATURES EXAMPLES (continued)

B. BY PRACTITIONERS OF RECORD OR ACTING IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY

| | <u>SIGNATURE TYPE</u> | <u>SIGNATURE</u> | <u>TREATMENT</u> | <u>PREFERRED</u> |
|-----|--|--|--|------------------|
| 1. | S-Signature & reg no. within slashes, name below | <u>/John T. Smith, Reg.# 999999/</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | ✓ |
| 2. | S-Signature & reg no. within slashes, name below but no line under S-Signature | <u>/John T. Smith, Reg.# 999999/</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2), as a line is not required, although it is recommended. | |
| 3. | Script font S-Signature within slashes, name & reg. no. below | <u>/John T. Smith/</u> John T. Smith, Reg. #999999 | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 4. | S-Signature within slashes, name below with reg. no. | <u>/Customer Number 555555/</u> John T. Smith, Reg. No. 999999 | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 5. | S-Signature within slashes, name below with reg. no. | <u>/John T. Smith/</u> John T. Smith, Reg. #999999 | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | ✓ |
| 6. | S-Signature within slashes, and with reg. no. to the right, name below | <u>/John T. Smith/ Reg. #999999</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | ✓ |
| 7. | Reg. no. to left of S-Signature within slashes, name below | <u>Reg. #999999 /John T. Smith/</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 8. | Name above, S-Signature and reg. no. within slashes below | John T. Smith <u>/John T. Smith, Reg.# 999999/</u> | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 9. | S-Signature and reg. no. within slashes, name on right side | <u>/John T. Smith, Reg.# 999999/</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). | |
| 10. | S-Signature and reg. no. within slashes, name below; John T. Smith signing his signature for Bill Jones (whose name appears first) | Bill Jones by <u>/John T. Smith, Reg.# 999999/</u> John T. Smith | Proper Signature Treat as signed, § 1.4(d)(2). Acceptable because of John T. Smith's signature, for himself. | |
| 11. | S-Signature within double slashes, name and reg. no. below | <u>//John T. Smith//</u> John T. Smith, Reg. #999999 | Improper signature Treat as unsigned due to extra slashes, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). | |
| 12. | S-Signature within back slashes, name and reg. no. below | <u>\John T. Smith\</u> John T. Smith, Reg. #999999 | Improper signature Treat as unsigned due to back slashes instead of forward slashes, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). | |
| 13. | S-Signature without slashes, name and reg. no. below | John T. Smith <u>John T. Smith, Reg. #999999</u> | Improper signature Treat as unsigned due to lack of slashes, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). | |


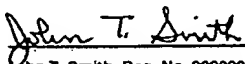
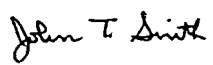
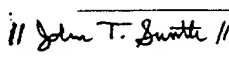
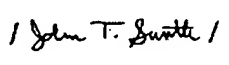
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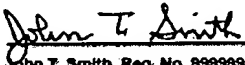
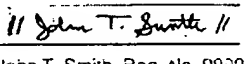
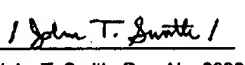
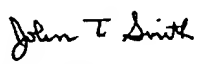
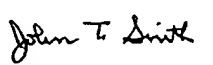
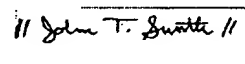
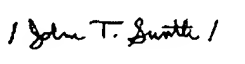
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| 14. Script font S-Signature without slashes, name and reg. no. below | <u>John T. Smith.</u> John T. Smith, Reg. #999999 | <u>Improper signature.</u> Treat as unsigned due to lack of slashes, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). |
| 15. Graphic symbol S-Signature within slashes, name and reg. no. below | <u>/☺face/</u> John T. Smith, Reg #999999 | <u>Improper signature.</u> Treat as unsigned due to usage of graphic symbol, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). |
| 16. Improper punctuation symbols in S-Signature within slashes, name and reg. no. below | <u>/Good?Great!!!/</u> John T. Smith, Reg #999999 | <u>Improper signature.</u> Treat as unsigned due to use of ? and ! symbols, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). |
| 17. S-Signature within slashes and reg. no. to right | <u>/John T. Smith/</u> Reg #999999 | <u>Improper signature.</u> Treat as unsigned as no name provided, § 1.4(d)(2)(iii). |
| 18. S-Signature within slashes and name below | <u>/John T. Smith/</u> John T. Smith | <u>Improper signature.</u> Treat as unsigned as no registration number provided, § 1.4(d)(2)(ii). |
| 19. S-Signature and reg. no. with only 1 slash, name below. John T. Smith signing his signature for Bill Jones (whose name appears first) | <u>Bill Jones</u> <u>by/ John T. Smith, Reg.# 999999</u> John T. Smith | <u>Improper signature.</u> Treat as unsigned as no slash mark is after signature, § 1.4(d)(2)(i). |
| 20. S-Signature and reg. no. within slashes, John T. Smith signing his signature for Bill Jones (whose name appears first) | <u>Bill Jones</u> <u>by /John T. Smith, Reg.# 999999/</u> | <u>Improper signature.</u> Treat as unsigned as no signer name provided, § 1.4(d)(2)(iii). |

II. HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE EXAMPLES, 37 CFR 1.4(d)(1)

A. BY INVENTORS, AFFIANTS, ASSIGNEES & PRACTITIONERS OF RECORD EXAMPLES

| SIGNATURE TYPE | SIGNATURE | TREATMENT | PREFERRED |
|--|---|--|-----------|
| 1. Handwritten with name below |  John T. Smith | Proper signature No change, recommended for non-practitioners to include name. | ✓ |
| 2. Handwritten with name and registration number below |  John T. Smith, Reg. No. 999999 | Proper signature No change, recommended for practitioners to include name and reg. no. | ✓ |
| 3. Handwritten |  | Proper signature No change, name not required, § 1.4(d)(1). | |
| 4. Handwritten within multiple slashes | //  // | Proper signature No change, name not required, slashes not required or prohibited, § 1.4(d)(1). | |
| 5. Handwritten within slashes | /  / | Proper signature No change, name not required, slashes not required or prohibited, § 1.4(d)(1). | |

B. BY PRACTITIONERS SIGNING IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY (37 CFR 1.34) (NOT OF RECORD) EXAMPLES

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| 1. Handwritten |  John T. Smith, Reg. No. 999999 | Proper signature See § 1.4(d)(1). Name in addition to signature is required by § 1.34, see 1283 OG 148 (June 22, 2004). | ✓ |
| 2. Handwritten within multiple slashes | //  // John T. Smith, Reg. No. 999999 | Proper signature Slashes not required or prohibited, § 1.4(d)(1). Name in addition to signature is required by § 1.34, see 1283 OG 148 (June 22, 2004). | |
| 3. Handwritten within slashes | /  / John T. Smith, Reg. No. 999999 | Proper signature Slashes not required or prohibited, § 1.4(d)(1). Name in addition to signature is required by § 1.34, see 1283 OG 148 (June 22, 2004). | |
| 4. Handwritten with reg. no. |  Reg. No. 999999 | Improper signature Treat as unsigned; no name provided as required by § 1.34, see 1283 OG 148 (June 22, 2004). | |
| 5. Handwritten with name |  John T. Smith | Improper signature Treat as unsigned; no registration number provided as required by § 1.34, see 1283 OG 148 (June 22, 2004). | |
| 6. Handwritten with slashes | //  // | Improper signature Treat as unsigned; no name and registration number provided as required by § 1.34, see 1283 OG 148 (June 22, 2004). | |
| 7. Handwritten with slashes | /  / | Improper signature Treat as unsigned; no name and registration number provided as required by § 1.34, see 1283 OG 148 (June 22, 2004). | |